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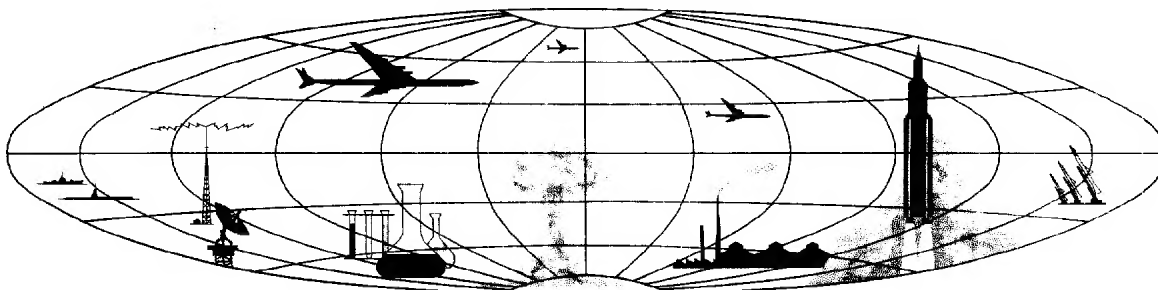
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IMMEDIATE PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION REPORT

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REPRESENTS A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY FROM BRASS KNOB MISSION 3617, DATED 31 MAY 1963. THE NUMBER APPEARING AT THE END OF THE HEADER LINE IS THE COMOR TARGET NUMBER. THE AREA EAST OF 78 DEGREES WEST LONGITUDE IS CLOUD COVERED.

-MISSILES-

25X1A

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 1 2257N 08239W

SITE IS ABANDONED.  
SEVEN VEHICLES OBSERVED NEAR ARCHED-ROOF BUILDING AND  
4 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED NEARBY.

25X1D

GUANAJAY IRBM SITE 2 2257N 08236W

SITE IS ABANDONED.  
TWENTY-THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED IN SUPPORT AREA.

25X1D

TAPASTE AREA, STORAGE SITES 2303N 08207W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BAHIA HONDA SAM SITE 2257N 08317W

SITE APPEARS ABANDONED. NO ACTIVITY OBSERVED. THE  
TWO HOLD POSITIONS EACH APPEAR TO HAVE AN OBJECT IN  
THEM, EITHER CANVAS OR NET COVERED.

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SAGUA LA GRANDE SAM SITE 2251N 08005W

SIX CANVAS-COVERED REVETTED LAUNCHERS AND ONE  
PROBABLE MISSILE ON A DOLLY ARE VISIBLE.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS SAM ASSEMBLY AREA 2257N 08221W

AT LEAST 14 MISSILE TRANSPORTERS, AT LEAST 8 MISSILE  
CANISTERS AND APPROXIMATELY 17 POSSIBLE POL/FUEL  
TRAILERS OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA SAM SITE 2259N 08215W

SIX REVETTED LAUNCHERS, THREE CANVAS-COVERED HOLD  
REVETMENTS, AND AN OCCUPIED GUIDANCE AREA OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTA CRUZ DEL NORTE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2309N 08156W

SITE CONTAINS 2 REVETTED LAUNCHERS (ONE CANVAS-  
COVERED), 10 CANVAS-COVERED CRUISE-MISSILE CRATES, A  
CANVAS-COVERED VEHICLE PARKING AREA, A CANVAS-COVERED  
GUIDANCE AREA AND 4 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES.

25X1D

25X1A

GUERRA POSSIBLE CRUISE-MISSILE SITE 2300N 08250W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

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-AIRFIELDS-

CAMILO CIENFUEGOS AIRFIELD 2229N 07955W

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AIRCRAFT -- 16 FAGOT/FRESCO AND ONE PROBABLE HARE  
OBSERVED IN CLOUD-FREE AREAS.

25X1D



25X1A

CORONEL PASCUAL AIRFIELD 2307N 08117W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D



SAN ANTONIO DE LOS BANOS AIRFIELD 2252N 08231W

AIRCRAFT -- 29 FISHBED, 2 FARMER, 10 FAGOT/FRESCO, AND  
NUMEROUS DERELICTS.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D



25X1A

JOSE MARTI INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD 2300N 08224W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE CLEAT, 3 CONSTELLATION, 3 C-54, 6  
C-46, 5 CRATE, 2 BRITANNIA, ONE VISCOUNT, ONE  
LODESTAR, ONE CESSNA 310, ONE C-47, ONE LIAISON/  
TRAINER, ONE AERO COMMANDER, AND NUMEROUS DERELICTS.

25X1D



25X1A

CAMPO LIBERTAD AIRFIELD 2306N 08226W

AIRCRAFT -- ONE FAGOT/FRESCO, 3 CRATE, 2 C-47, 8 COLT,  
41 LIAISON/TRAINER (ONE AIRBORNE), AND ONE PBV.

25X1D



25X1A

MARIEL NAVAL AIR STATION 2300N 08246W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.  
NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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PLAYA BARACOA AIRFIELD 2302N 08235W

AIRCRAFT -- 64 HOUND (ONE WITHOUT ROTORS), 5 HARE, 2  
BELL HELICOPTER, ONE CRATE, AND ONE C-47.  
FORTY-FOUR SHIPPING CRATES AND APPROXIMATELY 60 OTHER  
VARIOUS SIZED CRATES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT AREA.

25X1D

25X1A

MANAGUA AIRFIELD 2258N 08217W

NO AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.

25X1D

--PORTS--

MARIEL PORT 2301N 08245W

25X1D

VESSELS -- 12 KOMAR-CLASS PGMG, ONE PF ( [REDACTED] ),  
AND ONE LARGE FREIGHTER AT LA BOCA PIER.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

PUNTA ALEGRE PORT 2223N 07847W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

CIENFUEGOS PORT 2209N 08027W

VESSELS -- ONE LARGE VESSEL OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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CARDENAS PORT 2302N 08112W

VESSELS -- 2 LARGE FREIGHTERS.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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MATANZAS PORT 2303N 08134W

[REDACTED]

VESSELS -- THREE LARGE FREIGHTERS (HATCHES OPEN, BOOMS ACTIVE).

NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

SURGIDERO DE BATABANO PORT 2241N 08218W

NO LARGE VESSELS OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

HAVANA PORT 2308N 08221W

VESSELS -- 2 PF, 9 PC, 3 PT, 30 LARGE FREIGHTERS, AND 3 TRAWLERS.  
INCOMPLETE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE DUE TO GAP IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

CABANAS PORT 2259N 08256W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BAHIA HONDA PORT 2255N 08311W

NO LARGE VESSELS OR MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

-ELECTRONICS-

HAVANA AREA, COMMUNICATIONS CENTER 2301N 08225W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.

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TWENTY-ONE VAN TRUCKS, 4 CARGO TRUCKS AND 8  
UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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[REDACTED]

-MILITARY ACTIVITY-

25X1A

LA FLORA AREA, MILITARY STORAGE 2252N 08233W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
OBLIQUITY AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

ARTEMISA, MILITARY CAMP 2251N 08248W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN COUNT OR DEPLOYMENT OF TENTS,  
VEHICLES OR EQUIPMENT.  
OBLIQUITY, FOLIAGE, AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE DETAILED  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

LA BOCA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08242W

[REDACTED]

FOUR LARGE AND ONE SMALL TENT AND 35 UNIDENTIFIED  
VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

BAHIA HONDA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08311W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SEVEN UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.

25X1D

[REDACTED]

25X1A

CABANAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08251W

[REDACTED]

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 20 VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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MINAS, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2307N 08211W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

HAVANA, AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA 2301N 08226W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

SANTIAGO DE LAS VEGAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08220W

APPROXIMATELY 30 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY, FOLIAGE AND SHADOWS PRECLUDE FURTHER  
INTERPRETATION.

25X1D

SAN JOSE DE LAS LAJAS AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2255N 08210W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR ACTIVITY OBSERVED.

25X1D

TORRENS, MILITARY COMPLEX 2259N 08228W

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE

25X1D

25X1D

LIMONAR AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2256N 08124W

MAIN CAMP -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES. SIXTY-  
THREE VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
.5 NM WEST -- 15 VAN TRUCKS AND 4 CANVAS-COVERED  
VEHICLES OR PIECES OF EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.  
TANK TRAINING AREA -- NO APPARENT CHANGE IN  
FACILITIES. THIRTY-ONE TANKS/SP GUNS AND 13 OTHER

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VEHICLES OBSERVED.

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25X1A

MANAGUA, MILITARY CAMP 2258N 08217W

APPROXIMATELY 32 LOWBOY TRAILERS AND APPROXIMATELY 75  
CARGO TRUCKS OBSERVED NORTH OF RUNWAY. APPROXIMATELY  
300 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

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NAZARENO, MILITARY AREA 2258N 08214W

TWENTY UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES OBSERVED.  
OBLIQUITY PRECLUDES FURTHER INTERPRETATION.

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GUANABO AREA, MILITARY AREA 2311N 08203W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
ONE VEHICLE OBSERVED IN AREA.

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CAMPO FLORIDO, MILITARY CAMP 2307N 08206W

SIXTEEN TANKS/SP GUNS AND 15 UNIDENTIFIED VEHICLES  
OBSERVED.

25X1D

GUANABACOA, MILITARY AREA 2307N 08215W

WEST AREA -- APPROXIMATELY 35 CARGO TRUCKS AND 21 FA  
PIECES.  
EAST AREA -- SIX FA PIECES, APPROXIMATELY 38 PROBABLE  
TRACKED PRIME MOVERS, APPROXIMATELY 20 TRUCKS, AND 2  
CANVAS-COVERED PARKING SHELTERS.

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HAVANA AREA, MILITARY CAMP 2301N 08218W

25X1D

NO APPARENT CHANGE SINCE [REDACTED]

25X1D

-MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY-

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA, MUNITIONS STGE SITE 2303N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
APPROXIMATELY 80 VEHICLES OBSERVED IN VEHICLE PARK.

25X1D

MANAGUA, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITE 2258N 08218W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
NO MILITARY EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.

25X1D

BEJUCAL, MUNITIONS STORAGE SITES 2256N 08223W

NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES.  
SEVEN VAN TRUCKS AND 17 OTHER VEHICLES OBSERVED IN  
HEADQUARTERS AREA.

25X1D

CABANAS, SECURED AREA U/C 2258N 08258W

THE 16 UNIDENTIFIED CRATES REMAIN.  
AREA CONTAINS 14 VEHICLES, 2 LARGE AND ONE MEDIUM TENT  
(NONE OF A KNOWN SOVIET TYPE).

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-STATUS OF OTHER TARGETS-

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS SHOW NO APPARENT CHANGE  
SINCE LAST COVERAGE--

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SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 1	2243N 08001W
SAGUA LA GRANDE MRBM SITE 2	2239N 07951W
SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 4	2246N 08258W
MARIEL SAM SITE	2300N 08249W
MATANZAS SAM SITE	2301N 08129W
HAVANA SAM SITE	2309N 08213W
CAMPO FLORIDO CRUISE-MISSILE SITE	2306N 08211W
MADRUGA, POL STORAGE	2256N 08149W
BAJURAYABO AREA MILITARY CAMP	2308N 08210W
LOMA DE TIERRA, MILITARY CAMP	2301N 08213W
SPECIAL AREA ALPHA	2258N 08227W
SPECIAL AREA HOTEL	2301N 08246W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO BLUE	2250N 08233W
SPECIAL AREA BRAVO RED	2254N 08231W
SPECIAL AREA VICTOR	2300N 08234W
SPECIAL AREA TANGO	2258N 08244W
TARARA LANDING BEACH	2310N 08212W
MATANZAS LANDING BEACH	2301N 08126W
VARADERO LANDING BEACH	2308N 08118W
LA BOCA, INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION	2301N 08245W
MATANZAS CITY, LA CUMBRE ALTA	2304N 08133W

THE FOLLOWING TARGETS COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT  
NOT INTERPRETED --

25X1A

SAN CRISTOBAL MRBM SITE 1	2240N 08317W
SANTA LUCIA SAM SITE	2241N 08355W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD SAM SITE	2205N 08409W
CAIBARIEN SAM SITE	2228N 07929W
DELEITE SAM SITE	2259N 08045W
MAJANA SAM SITE	2241N 08249W
SAN JULIAN AIRFIELD	2206N 08409W
JAIME GONZALES AIRFIELD	2209N 08025W
PINAR DEL RIO AIRFIELD	2225N 08341W
CAIBARIEN PORT	2232N 07928W
SANTA LUCIA PORT	2240N 08358W
REMEDIOS AREA, MILITARY CAMP	2227N 07934W
MESTANZA, EXPLOSIVE STORAGE SITE	2228N 08347W
GUANE, MILITARY CAMP	2212N 08408W

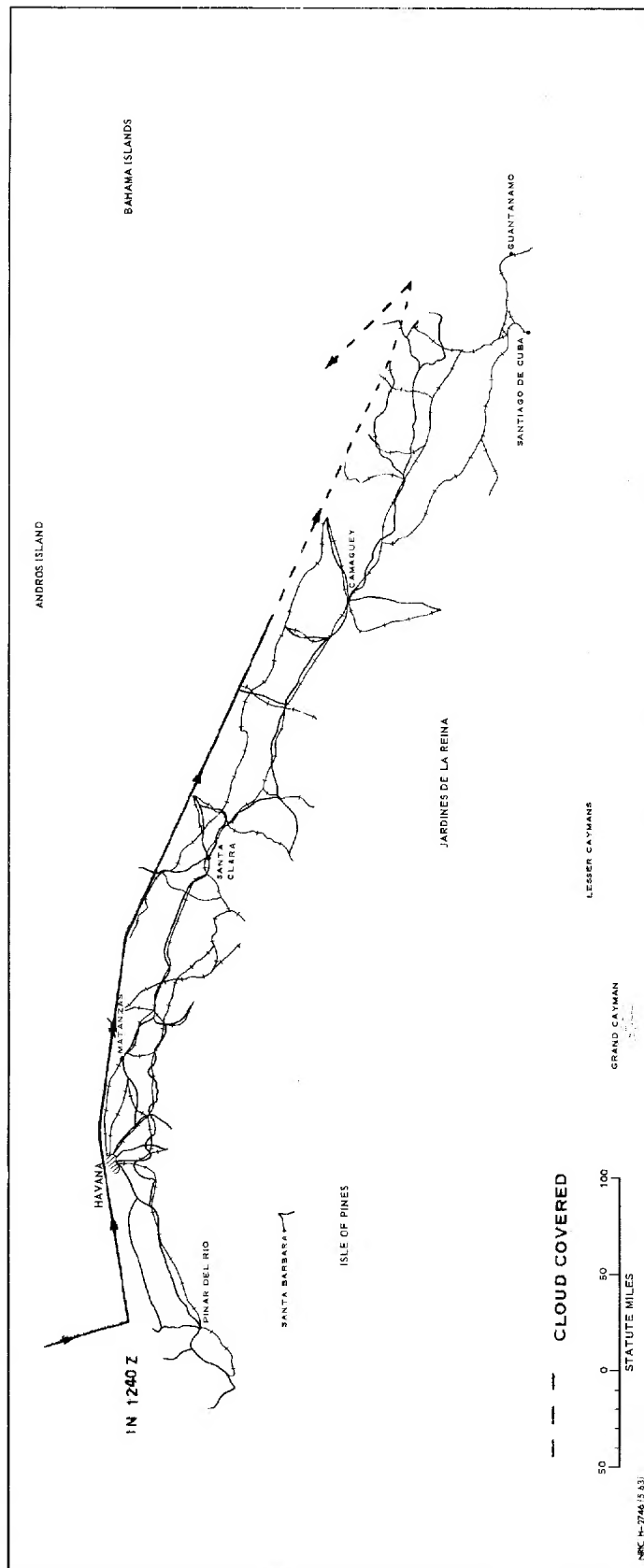
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